

**District IV Advisory Board
Minutes
March 5, 2003
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The District IV Advisory Board meeting was held at 7:00 p.m. at Stanley Neighborhood City Hall located at 1749 S. Martinson. In attendance were the District IV Council Member, five (5) District Advisory Board Members, six (6) City staff members, and seven (7) citizens.

Members Present

Council Member Bill Gale
Ed Koon
Wayne Wells
Jerry McGinty
Paul Ward
Rex Gray

Members Absent

Iola Crandall
Jim Benton

Staff

Aaron Hamilton, Neighborhood Assistant
Officer Richard Mellard, Patrol West
Officer Anthony Bamberger, Patrol South
Officer Tricia Beck, Patrol West
Officer Joe Spicuglia, Patrol West
Bob Gress, Great Plains Nature Center

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Call to Order

Council Member Gale called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed guests.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the February 5, 2003 minutes were approved as submitted. **(Koon/Ward 5-0).**

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as submitted. **(McGinty/Ward 5-0)**

Public Agenda

1. Off-agenda items

South Branch YMCA – Laurie Spencer, Director of the South Branch YMCA, presented programs available to residents through the YMCA. **Spencer** explained the South Branch YMCA has been open since September of 1999. They have three program priorities:

- 1) Child Care – YMCA is the largest child care provider in Wichita and the nation. They have Child Development Centers in some of the high schools and two of the Y branches. Scholarships are available for participants.

- 2) Community Development - Laurie passed out programs along with their mission statement.
- 3) Healthy lifestyles - Believes that with exercise comes a healthier mind, body, and spirit. There are workout facilities and a swimming pool.

George Walta – Doesn't like having to pay \$50.00 every year to reenroll as he leaves for six months then has to sign up again.

Laurie - It is set up so that if you are gone more than 60 days, you have to pay, feel free to visit with the membership director. Have to operate in a business manner.

Recommended Action: Receive and File.

Unfinished Business

2. Progress Reports on Traffic Issues/Requests:

35th and Seneca - Scott Logan, Traffic Engineer, will give an update on the status of the request made by the Board to revisit traffic counts near South High School.

Recommended Action: This report is postponed until analysis is complete on the effect of the "No Left Turn" sign installed at 35th Street. (Scott Logan in April)

- 3. Pawnee Prairie Update – Bob Gress**, Director of the Great Plains Nature Center, presented proposed burning and removal of trees at Pawnee Prairie Park. The burning and removal of trees are part of a regular maintenance schedule. The City is working to keep a diversified habitat (wooded and grasslands). They are breaking the park into smaller lots to burn trees to save native grasses. 15 to 20% of the parks are maintained by burning. The Fire Department has been notified the burn will last about an hour to an hour and a half. The Forestry Department will be cutting off cedars 4" or wider then burn the next burn season (next spring). This will take place between Glacier Drive and the Cowskin Creek.

The following are questions and comments from the Board and citizens. Answers are in italics where applicable

Gary Walta - what about other cedars? *Some are burned some kept to serve as a visual barrier from the airport. The burn will only take place if the grass is thick enough. The most effective fire is when the grass is very thick. Volunteers will help with a lot of the work to get the community involved and to save money.*

Jerry McGinty - What is the status of mowing hay? *A volunteer use to do that however, he retired and no one else seems to be interested.*

Walta - Concerned about the wind. *It is a challenge, Grass and trees are secondary compared to the people living nearby and the smoke at the airport. The Parks Department is subject to burn permits.*

Recommended Action: Receive and File.

4. Community Police Report

Community Police Officers for District IV will report on specific concerns for the area.

Mellard - Beat 14, met at Mayberry for traffic concerns on Sheridan Street. The City and School staff will work together beginning March 17th on pilot project to make the traffic flow better. Talked about maybe color-coding the curbs which come before the DAB. Sunflower Neighborhood Association has been active providing candidates forums, and there will be a forum tomorrow night.

Joe Spicuglia new officer on Beat 17 was introduced and welcomed.

Officer Beck - Working with Ballinger Trash Service on Health and Environment issues (Law, OCI and Health Dept.). Orchard Breeze Neighborhood Association is having a car show on April 5th at Kiwanis Park from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Officer Bamberger - Extra traffic enforcement is taking place near South High School and Kelly Elementary. The latest crime-free multi-housing had 27 attendees. Patrol South Community Police all took a DUI refresher course. The Chief of Police is committed to increasing DUI arrests and lower the number of arceny's around Century II. The first Crime Free Conference will be in Kansas City in April (KS, MO, IA, and NE are invited) led by Community Police South.

Recommended Action: Receive and file

Board Agenda

5. Updates, Issues, and Reports

Wayne Ward - Attended two Delano business meetings about the West Douglas streetscape. Please patronize the businesses along Douglas while construction is going on. Delano Neighborhood Association is holding a candidates forum March 18th. The past three weeks there have been problems with Delano guidelines plan. They have been meeting at 7:30 a.m. so more citizens can be involved. The next time they meet is Tuesday and Wednesday and after that the next meeting is March 18th (candidate forum).

Jerry McGinty – Sunflower is holding two mayoral and two district candidates forums at the ARC. Southwest Neighborhood Association meets next Tuesday, March 11th.

Jim Benton - Jim's son died of a massive heart attack, the service is at Broadway Mortuary at 1:00.

Ed Koon - He toured the new South Branch Library and said it was a nice facility, and that they are a little ahead on construction. It will be open April 4th tentatively.

Paul Ward - March 8th the Seneca Library closed. He toured the new Library. Southwest Neighborhood Association cancelled their meeting due to bad weather. The next meeting will be March 25th at Osage Park. MMRS will be the main topic. The South Seneca Parade is April 19th.

Rex Gray – No report.

Bill Gale - Appointed **Ed Koon** and **Jerry McGinty** to the fireworks board. MMRS - at Council meeting spoke to County officials to answer concerns. He and the City Council are working on budget cuts and seeking input.

Aaron Hamilton – The Stanley Spring Fling will be April 19, 2003, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The April 2, 2003 meeting will start at 6:00 p.m.

Recommended Action: Address as appropriate.

George Walta - Street was just paved. They are looking at closing Lark Lane to Kellogg. When they close Lark Lane, he fears traffic will be bad and wants help with the issue.

Officer Joe Spicuglia- When are they closing Lark? He will get with the Beat Officer to address the situation.

Next meeting

The next meeting for District Advisory Board is scheduled for April 2, 2003 at Stanley Neighborhood City Hall at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m..

Guests:

Irene Armstrong	1109 Greenfield
George Walta,	10630 Carr, 67209
Lori Spencer,	2334 Sand Plum, 67205
George Dean	2646 Exchange
Ron Tracy	3415 Southwood
Paul Gray	
Gary Swartz	10021 W. Prairie Woods

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